GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Lack of Quality Equipment and Staff
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is a lack of good quality sports equipments and non availability of competent support staff in required number and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b): Madam, requirement of sports infrastructure, equipment, services and facilities including support staff varies with the level of users. For National athletes, who are preparing for participation in major international events, world-level standards and specifications apply. It is not feasible to maintain similar standard at lower level of sports programmes, i.e. schemes like SAI Training Centres (STCs) and Special Area Games (SAGs) which undertake talent identification and development to help the sportspersons to become national level athletes. Accordingly, training infrastructure and equipment is normally not on par with international specifications meant for international competitions.
Sports Authority of India (SAI) organises National Coaching Camps for elite sports-persons/ teams preparing for International competitions. SAI Centres where such training camp are organised have infrastructure, equipment, services of support staff and facilities at par with international standards. Wherever various SAI STCs are being used for holding national camps, international standard infrastructure, services and facilities are provided.

To ensure availability of good quality sports equipment and competent support staff, assistance is provided to National Sports Federations (NSFs) under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs. Remuneration for support personnel like physiotherapists, video analysts, nutritionists, masseurs etc. has been substantially increased recently. Assistance to sportspersons for equipment is also provided from the National Sports Development Fund of this Ministry.
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